

## **Salmon Boy**

Lina/Narrator, Salmon Person 3

Justyn/Salmon Boy

Edward/Mother, Friend 2, Villager 2, Salmon Person 1

Jasmine/Salmon Child, Friend 1, Villager 1, Salmon Person 2

### *Scene 1*

Narrator: Long ago, there was a boy named Kosumi.

Kosumi: (waves) Hi~

Narrator: Although all of the Haida people around him showed respect to salmon and really thought they were a great part of society, Kosumi thought that salmon were just fish, or food to eat when he was hungry. He treated salmon very disrespectfully and stepped on the bones when he was done eating them.

Salmon Boy: I don't care about salmon! (throws cut-out salmon on the floor and stomps on it)

### *Scene 2*

Narrator: One day, Kosumi's mother made him salmon for lunch.

Mother: Kosumi, it's lunch time!

Salmon Boy: Huh? What time is it?

Mother: Oh, it's 12 PM, noon!

Salmon Boy: Oh, yay! What'd you make for me, Mom?

Mother: Your favorite... salmon!

(Gives plate to Salmon Boy)

(Salmon Boy glares at it)

Salmon Boy: Eww... This is moldy! I'm not going to eat this! (just throws paper plate and leaves)

### *Scene 3*

(Everyone is playing outside)

(Salmon Boy comes back in as others play)

Salmon Boy: What are you guys doing?

Friend 1: We are playing with the water!

Friend 2: Yay!

Salmon Boy: Can I play with you?

Friend 2: Sure!!

Salmon Boy: Okay!!!

Friend 1: So, let's play hide and seek. You be the tagger. (points at Salmon Boy)

(Friend 1 and Friend 2 swim to the sides)

Salmon Boy: Huh? Guys? Guys!!!

(Friend 1 and Friend 2 don't hear)

Narrator: The boy suddenly noticed that he couldn't see his friends anywhere, and he felt himself become short of breath.

Salmon Boy: I'm drowning!!

(Salmon Boy Drowns)

(Salmon People enter)

Salmon Person 1: Hmm? Who's this?

Salmon Person 2: I don't know...He looks weird!

(Salmon Person 1 and Salmon Person 2 start poking him)

Salmon Person 1: Like an alien!

Salmon Person 2: Yeah!

Salmon Person 1: Let's try taking him to the other Salmon People!

Salmon Person 2: Yeah, maybe they'll put him in a museum or something!

(Salmon People enter and take him away)

Narrator: As Kosumi made his trip to the Salmon People's town, he didn't realize that he was slowly turning into a salmon himself.

(Salmon Boy puts on Salmon costume)

Narrator: When he got to the Salmon People's town, he thought that all the salmon looked like people (even though they weren't).

Salmon Boy: Wow! Everyone here are people! This looks like my own home!

Salmon Person 1: Now, we will teach you!

Salmon Boy: Wait... Who are you?

Salmon Person 1,2,3: We are the Salmon People!!! (do "salmon people" action- wiggle your arms above your head)

Salmon Boy: What???

Salmon Person 2: We found you drowned at the bottom of the river, so we brought you here. Now, we're going to educate you.

Salmon Boy: But I'm already educated!!

Salmon Person 1,2,3: Just do it!

(Salmon Boy pretends to get ready to take notes)

Salmon Boy: Okay, I'm ready!

Salmon Person 3: Okay, so first of all-

Salmon Boy: (stops taking notes and looks up and interrupts the person speaking) Wait!  
But I'm hungry!!

Salmon Person 1: Okay, fine. Then we'll start off teaching you how to get your food!!!

Narrator: The Salmon People taught Kosumi, or Salmon Boy, how to get his food and what to do with the remains.

Salmon Person 2: Go to the stream and catch one of our children, and then eat it!

Salmon Boy: Okay!!! Byeeeeee (tries to leave)

Salmon Person 1,2,3: Waitttttt!!!!

(Salmon Boy comes back)

Salmon Person 3: You must be respectful and return everything you don't want to eat to the water.

Salmon Boy: Why?

Salmon Person 1: The salmon will come back to life if you do that!

Salmon Boy: Oh, cool~

Salmon Person 2: Be careful though, because if you do not return all of the bones to the water, the salmon child can't come back!

Salmon Boy: Oh, don't worry~

(Salmon Boy leaves)

#### *Scene 4*

Narrator: Salmon boy did as he was told for a long time.

(Salmon Boy fishes out the salmon and eats it all. Then he throws all the remains in to the ocean, except one)

Narrator: However, one day, Salmon Boy heard a child crying.

(Salmon child comes out and limps, saying “Ow” whenever he/she takes a step)

Salmon Boy: Is there a problem?

Salmon child: My foot is gone! (angry tone)

Salmon Boy: Why?

Salmon Child: Because *you* ate it and you didn't give it back!

Salmon Boy: Wait... But why do you need it? So I need to through EVERY part back into the river? The Salmon People didn't tell me that!

(Salmon Person 2 pops in)

Salmon Person 2: Oh yeah, and by the way, if you don't throw one of the salmon's parts into the river, it will have that part missing when she is reborn.

Salmon Boy: (sarcastic) Wow, thanks!

(Salmon Person rushes out)

Salmon boy: Okay, sorry. So where is it?

Salmon Child: (points) Right THERE! Can't you see it?

Salmon Boy: Oh, THERE it is!!! (Throws fin off stage)

(Salmon child is healed)

Salmon child: Yes! Finally! Thank you! (runs offstage)

### *Scene 5*

(All salmon are swimming around)

Narrator: The Salmon Boy spent the whole winter with the Salmon People, but when it was spring, they all had to return to the rivers again. However, one day, Salmon Boy was caught in his mother's net.

(Mother catches salmon boy)

Mother: Gotcha!

Salmon Boy: Ahh!!! No!!! Wait. Huh? Isn't that my mother?

(Salmon Boy gets pulled out of the water)

(Mother scans him)

Mother: Why do you seem familiar?

(Mother thinks)

Mother: Oh!!! Oh my. That copper necklace!! You're Kosumi??? Why are you in the shape of a salmon? Well, never mind about that. See, I told you having that copper necklace would do some good!

(Salmon Boy rolls his eyes and sighs)

(Mother takes Salmon boy back home)

Narrator: Salmon boy slowly shed his salmon skin. After 8 days, salmon boy was back in his human form again. Salmon boy taught the town all of the things he learned from the Salmon People. He soon became known as a healer because he knew more things than the other townspeople, and could cure illnesses as well. Of course, he learned all of these things from the Salmon people.

Salmon Boy: A few days after you take the medicine I give you, you will feel normal.

Villager 1: (looks sick) Wow, thanks! No wonder you're the healer! You know everything!

Salmon Boy: But I have something to confess. I cannot stay with you for long. It would be good for you to remember what I have taught you until now.

Villager 2: Why? Where are you going?

Salmon Boy: That's a secret. All I ask is that when I die, please put my body in the river.

Narrator: He stayed together with the people until the time came. Salmon boy spotted a

large salmon floating down toward him.

Salmon boy: (Stares at the salmon in awe, sighs) The time has come.

Narrator: He realized that large salmon was his own soul.

Salmon boy: (Throws a spear at the salmon) Ah! (dies)

Narrator: After he died, the village people did as they were told. They put down his body into the river.

Narrator: With a last glance at his hometown, Salmon boy floated back to his home in the ocean, to the Salmon people.

Salmon boy: (Waves) Bye~